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REMARKS

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1. The large modern barracks installation in Sorau (O 52/B 16) on the south side of the road to Sagan (O 52/B 26), on the eastern perimeter of the city, was occupied by Polish motorized troops up to January 1951. Eleven large four-story buildings containing billets adjoined the south side of the highway from Sorau to Sagan. Kitchen and mess buildings as well as large garages and workshops located farther to the rear were not described.
2. The barracks installation quartered a motorized infantry unit and a motorized artillery unit. Source believed that both units were regiments. The men of both units wore brownish gray uniforms with epaulets of the same color. Soldiers leaving the installation off duty were observed wearing visor-type caps with red bands. The infantry unit was equipped with a large number of three-axle trucks, which were stored in the area of the installation. The artillery unit was only once observed marching out of the installation with 16 guns towed by three-axle trucks. While the guns had two pneumatic diskwheels and four-cornered shields. They seemed to be fairly low and had long barrels, presumably without muzzle brakes. *
3. Neither maneuvers involving major units nor combined exercises of several branches of service were observed around Sorau up to early January 1951. Source saw no other Polish units at the post except the Polish division headquarters previously indicated. A Polish miners' school was located in the former lunatic asylum in the northern sector of the city, east of the road leading in the direction of Benau (O 52/B 17), not far from the former airfield. The trainees in the mining school wore either fatigue uniforms or black miner's clothing. **

25X1A * Comment. The present report largely coincides with a previous report by another source which mentioned an armored unit in the same barracks installation besides the infantry and artillery units. 25X1A
 Since the 11th Mecz Div is carried in the Sorau area, the artillery regiment and one mechanized regiment of this division may have been seen. Possibly, the SP artillery and armored reconnaissance unit mentioned in the previous report belongs

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to this mechanized regiment. The brownish gray uniforms mentioned in the present report would be indicative of the old-style Polish uniform. However, the previous report stated that blue uniforms were issued to these units in the fall of 1950. [REDACTED]

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